

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy

BP 1330
Community Relations

Use of School Facilities

The Governing Board recognizes that district facilities are a community resource whose primary purpose is to be used for school programs and activities. The Board authorizes the use of school facilities by community groups for purposes provided for in the Civic Center Act when such use does not interfere with school activities.

(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

All school-related activities (clubs, class events etc.) shall be given priority in the use of facilities under the Civic Center Act. Thereafter, the use of facilities shall be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Joint Use Agreement gives City of Oakland and Park and Recreation Department second priority after school District.

Community youth groups shall have third choice and other community organizations or agencies shall have fourth priority.

The Board believes that the use of school facilities should not result in costs to the district. The Board shall charge at least direct costs to all groups granted facility use under the Civic Center Act. Additionally, no charge will be levied against organizations clubs, or associations organized to promote youth and school activities if they are conducted during the normal work hours and do not otherwise require overtime by District staff.

Other groups requesting the use of school facilities under the Civic Center Act shall be charged at least direct costs.

Fair Rental Value

Groups shall be charged fair rental value when using school facilities or grounds for entertainment or meetings where admission is charged or contributions solicited and net receipts are not to be expended for charitable purposes or for the welfare of the district's students.
(Education Code 38134)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
10900-10914.5 Community Recreation Programs

38130-38138 Civic Center Act: use of school property for public purposes

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

79 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen 248 (1996)

COURT DECISIONS

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District (1993) 113 S.Ct. 2141

Cole v. Richardson, (1972) 405 U.S. 676, 92 S.Ct. 1332

Connell v. Higgenbotham, (1971) 403 U.S. 207, 91 S.Ct. 1772

ACLU of So. Calif. v. Board of Education of San Diego, (1963) 59 Cal .2d 224

ACLU of So. Calif. v. Board of Education of Los Angeles, (1963) 59 Cal .2d 203

ACLU of So. Calif. v. Board of Education of San Diego, (1961) 55 Cal .2d 906

ACLU of So. Calif. v. Board of Education of Los Angeles,(1961) 55 Cal .2d 167

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

1101.89 School District Liability and "Hold Harmless" Agreements, LO: 4-89

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Administrative Regulation

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Application for Use of Facilities

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain application procedures and regulations for the use of school facilities which: (Education Code 38133)

1. Encourage and assist groups desiring to use school facilities for approved activities.
2. Preserve order in school buildings and on school grounds, and protect school facilities. If necessary, a person may be designated to supervise this task.
3. Ensure that the use of facilities or grounds is not inconsistent with the use of the school facilities or grounds for school purposes and does not interfere with the regular conduct of school work.

Any persons applying for the use of school property on behalf of any society, group or organization shall present written authorization from the group to make the application.

Persons or organizations applying for the use of school facilities shall submit a statement of information indicating that the organization upholds the state and federal constitutions and does not intend to use school premises to commit unlawful acts.

Civic Center Use

Subject to district policies and regulations, school facilities and grounds shall be available to citizens and community groups as a civic center for the following purposes: (Education Code 38131, 38132)

1. Public, literary, scientific, recreational, educational or public agency meetings
2. The discussion of matters of general or public interest
3. The conduct of religious services for temporary periods, on a one-time or renewable basis, by any church or religious organization
4. Child care programs to provide supervision and activities for children of preschool and elementary school age

5. The administration of examinations for the selection of personnel or the instruction of precinct board members by public agencies

6. Supervised recreational activities including, but not limited to, sports league activities that are arranged for and supervised by entities, including religious organizations or churches, and in which youths may participate regardless of religious belief or denomination

7. A community youth center

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

8. Mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

9. Other purposes deemed appropriate by the Governing Board

Restrictions

School facilities shall not be used for any of the following activities:

1. Any use by an individual or group for the commission of any crime or any act prohibited by law

2. Any use of school facilities or grounds which is inconsistent with their use for school purposes or which interferes with the regular conduct of school or school work

3. Any use which is discriminatory in the legal sense

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

4. Any use which involves the possession, consumption or sale of alcoholic beverages or any restricted substances on school property

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

Damage and Liability

Groups or persons using school facilities shall be liable for any property damages caused by the activity. The Board may charge the amount necessary to repair the damages and may deny the group further use of school facilities.

Any group using school facilities shall be liable for any injuries resulting from its negligence during such use. The group shall bear the cost of insuring against this risk and defending itself

against claims arising from this risk.

Groups other than those that promote youth and school activities shall be required to include the district as additional insured on their liability policies.

The Superintendent or designee may require a hold harmless agreement when warranted by the type of activity or the specific facility being used.

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